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SUBJECT: ITALY RENOMINATES FAUSTO POCAR TO ICTY; REQUESTS
US SUPPORT

This is a guidance request - see para 1.

1. On August 13, Embassy received a Note Verbale (see para 2) from the MFA requesting USG support for the reelection of Prof. Fausto Pocar to the International Criminal Tribunal for the ex-Yugoslavia (ICTY). The MFA also transmitted an updated curriculum vitae for Pocar, which post has faxed to S/WCI. Department's guidance on response to Italian request for support would be appreciated.

2. Begin informal translation of Note Verbale:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
11 August 2004
Note Verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the USA and has the honor to communicate that the Italian government has decided to present the candidacy of Professor Fausto Pocar for reelection as judge for the ICTY. The elections will take place in November 2004 during the 59th session of the UNGA.

The MFA expresses its sincere hope that it can count on the support of the USA for Professor Pocar's candidacy, in light of the high level of professional qualifications of the candidate, as shown in the attached curriculum vitae and from the positive experience he gained during his past position with the Tribunal (from March 2002) during which time he held the prestigious post of Vice President.

The MFA avails itself of this occasion to renew to the Embassy of the USA its highest consideration.

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